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# E-Newsletter

## Happy Labor Day!

Labor Day is upon us and that means the kids have officially made their way back to school. Summer may be over, but the sun and heat are here to stay for at least a few more months down south. It's been brutal temps and inescapable humidity this summer. Hopefully, Mother Nature will bring a nice, long cold winter for respite. Here's to wishful thinking!

Have you seen propane busses on the streets in your town! If you spot one or if your kid happens to be blessed to ride one to school, snap a picture and send it in to us. We'd love to see it and include it in one of our future issues!

As the winter months approach, farmers face the annual challenge of preparing their operations for harsh weather conditions. Avoid the rush and potential delays that come with last-minute orders. Propane suppliers often experience high demand during winter; early fills avoid potential delays and ensure timely delivery. Farmers can avoid the stress and uncertainty of last-minute fuel procurement. Preparing for winter with early propane tank fills is a simple, yet effective way to ensure farm operations continue without disruption. PERC has more information about the benefits of early tank fill programs that you can share with customers as they prepare for winter.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the LPGA office at 225-763-8922.



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# **2024-25 Calendar of Events**

**September 18, 2024-11:00 am:** Third Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Location TBD.

**October 7, 2024:** National Propane Day!

**November 7-8:** State Leadership Summit, Washington, DC.

**December 15:** NPGF Scholarship Applications Open.

**December 2024:** Fourth Quarter Board of Directors Meeting, Natchitoches, LA-Date TBD.

**February 15, 2025:** NPGF Scholarship Applications Deadline

**April 4-6, 2025:** Southeastern Propane Expo, Charlotte Convention Center-North Carolina.

**June 8-10, 2025:** NPGA Propane Days, Hilton Washington DC Capitol Hill.

**June 29-July 1, 2025:** APGA-LPGA Annual Summer Convention, Perdido Beach Resort-Orange Beach, Alabama.

## **Staples Total Coffee Program**

NPGA's new member benefit with Staples, the Total Coffee Program, is a great way to provide your employees with a selection of coffee, tea, and water — the in-office perk that 44% of employees say they want the most! Now you can easily provide this benefit with a FREE brewing system from Staples. Brewers and installation are provided at no cost; simply buy your breakroom products from Staples. Staples offer a variety of brewing systems to meet your needs whether you have 5 employees or 500, and loads of coffees, teas, hot chocolate, and more! See the flyer for full details.

NPGA members who participate in the Staples Business Advantage Program receive free shipping on all orders, industry-low pricing on paper and ink/toner, 3% savings on orders over \$250, and exclusive monthly deals and offers. This program allows one-stop shopping for key essentials like furniture and breakroom supplies, procurement service for unique or hard-to-find items, and much more! Not receiving Staple benefits? Contact Christine Hutcherson at [chutcherson@npga.org](mailto:chutcherson@npga.org) to get set up.

# Propane Powers the State Fair

Few summer traditions produce as strong a sense of Americana as the state fair. Each year, tens of millions of Americans flock to state fairs to take in the attractions and amenities. New York held the first state fair in 1841. Since then, all states have followed suit. Today, each state holds at least one annual state fair.

These outdoor festivities spur local economies, create jobs, and bring joy and merriment to millions. And without question, the unsung hero of this annual summer tradition is propane. Propane's versatility, portability, and nimble infrastructure makes it the ideal energy source to power state fairs. It's also an energy-rich molecule that can be relied upon to perform the toughest tasks without sacrificing air quality.

Open your eyes and you will see that propane is omnipresent at state fairs. It's used for power generation, heating, material handling, construction equipment, and of course, cooking. Yes, whether your favorite fair food is grilled, boiled, or fried, propane is there to cook your meal to perfection!

So, whether you're attending a fair in California or Connecticut, we all can appreciate the fact that propane is behind the scenes working hard to make our favorite summer pastime a success. For more information, contact NPGA's Director of State Affairs, Jacob Peterson at [jpeterson@npga.org](mailto:jpeterson@npga.org).



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# Hurricane Safety and Preparedness

In Louisiana, we are no stranger to the threat of hurricanes. Nonetheless, it is always important to make sure you are prepared for anything that might happen and review the best ways to stay safe. There are a few key things to consider to keep your family and home as safe as possible before, during and after a storm. Below you will find tips on preparing for every possibility.

## 1. Create an Emergency Plan

To ensure that you and your family are on the same page in case of an emergency, work with them to create a plan. Make sure to include contact information for emergency services and utility companies, including your propane supplier. It would also be beneficial to include instructions on how to turn off your electricity, water and propane. If your propane does get turned off, make sure you contact a service technician to inspect your system before turning it back on.

## 2. Ensure Your Tank is Anchored

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) requires that if you are located in a known flood zone area, make sure your propane tank is anchored securely to avoid potentially dangerous and expensive situations. Your propane supplier can determine if and how anchoring your tank should be done.

## 3. Stock Up on Essential Supplies

Items such as a battery-powered radio, non-perishable foods, water, a first-aid kit, personal hygiene items and flashlights are some of the essential items you need to have in order to prepare for a hurricane. Make sure that you consider how many people you may be hunkering down with so you can get an adequate amount of supplies.

## 4. Inspect Damage Cautiously

In the case that the storm causes damage to your property, be cautious when assessing the damage as dislodged propane tanks, damaged lines and downed trees can create dangerous situations. Never inspect appliances while standing in water and always use a flashlight instead of a candle in case of a leak.

## 5. If You Suspect Danger, Let an Expert Handle It

There is no reason for you to injure yourself when your utility company, fire department and propane supplier have expert training. Let them handle any potentially dangerous situations you may encounter. Additionally, if your property was damaged by a storm, it is a good idea to have a certified service technician inspect your propane system to ensure no damage was done.

Taking these steps can help promote safety all year long but especially during hurricane season.

By planning in advance, you and your family can be prepared for any severe weather coming your way.



## Geaux Blue! Geaux Gold! Geaux Propane?!

Football season is upon us which means tailgating is nipping at our heels. Propane can be an essential part of your tailgating experience from grills, fryers, burners, generators, outdoor heaters and more!

Propane is the perfect fuel to keep the party going strong throughout the day as long as your tank is full! And because propane is listed as an approved clean energy source, you can use it with peace of mind!

Having a lower carbon footprint than many other fuels, including gasoline and diesel, propane burns cleaner and emits 50% fewer greenhouse gas emissions than coal and 30-40% fewer than gasoline.

Always remember safety first, when using propane in a space where other people, small children and possible pets are around. Propane is the fuel that'll keep your tailgate going strong to ensure you have the best spot on campus!

# Entertain with Propane to Recognize National Propane Day

National Propane Day is Oct. 7! This year's theme, "Entertain with Propane," celebrates how propane-powered appliances help consumers make the most of time spent with friends and family indoors and out.

While the summer heat rages on, October will be here before we know it. Now is the perfect opportunity for marketers to express customer appreciation and raise awareness of their services by utilizing PERC's National Propane Day landing page.

An especially valuable tool on the landing page for marketers is the National Propane Day toolkit. This digital toolkit contains various, highly customizable resources and templates for all promotional needs across different channels. Spread the word on social media using ready-to-go graphics, logos, and video.

Share your commitment to providing your community with clean, reliable propane to the press using its fill-in-the-blank press release template or customize it to their own needs. If you are taking advantage of National Propane Day to host a customer appreciation event, be sure to utilize the event invitation template as well.

PERC has also launched a National Propane Day Pop-Up Shop featuring limited edition branded swag exclusively for propane marketers and state executives, including:

- Grilling aprons
- Magnets with safety tips
- Koozies
- T-shirts
- Cornhole set
- Socks
- Sunglasses
- And more!

All orders must be placed by Aug. 30 and should be delivered by Sept. 27.

Marketers and others in industry may also participate in propane trivia every Tuesday and Thursday starting Sept. 3 for their own chance at prizes. Propane trivia will be hosted on PERC's LinkedIn and Facebook pages.

There will also be exciting opportunities for consumers to celebrate National Propane Day. In addition to events

hosted by individual marketers, customers who follow @propane\_council on Instagram can enter the Entertain with Propane Giveaway for a chance at five prizes.

Finally, be sure to tune into "Fox & Friends" on Oct. 8 for a special National Propane Day celebration. More information is coming soon to the landing page.

Mark those calendars and remember to Entertain with Propane this Oct. 7.



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# Get Ready for National Propane Day 2024

NATIONAL  
**Propane Day**

## Entertain with Propane

**National Propane Day is coming on October 7 – and this year we're centered on the Entertain with Propane theme, showing how the energy for everyone also powers entertainment for everyone!**

Celebrate with your own special events and activities, fun prizes and giveaways. Follow PERC on social media and participate in propane trivia every Tuesday and Thursday starting in September.

On October 8, tune in to "FOX & Friends" to see PERC's National Propane Day activation, showcasing all the ways you can entertain with propane!



Scan to see how you can get ready  
for National Propane Day right now,  
or visit [propane.com/NPD2024](https://propane.com/NPD2024).



# Questions About PEP?

We are excited to announce that the new PERC Education Program (PEP) is here and ready to use. PEP is task specific, customizable, and fulfills the training needs for the industry. All of the key information from CETP will still be in the training courses, just broken down in smaller modules of instruction.

As PEP Learning Paths are created to replace existing CETP content, that specific CETP content will only be available for 12 months before it sunsets in The Learning Center.

One big difference with PEP is that there is no certification given for completing the lessons. Instead, learners will take a quiz following each PEP instruction module. All successfully completed training will be documented on that learner's online transcript located in The Learning Center.

If you are in a state that currently requires CETP, PERC is working with your State Association to assist in educating state licensing authorities on this replacement education program, and how accreditation will work

through International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET).

As with any new program, we know you are bound to have questions. Answers to most of them can be found on [propane.com/pep](http://propane.com/pep) via FAQs, a comparison chart of CETP to PEP content, a brochure, a PowerPoint, and a flyer on becoming a PEP Recognized Instructor, amongst others. You can also register for our next webinar on September 12th to learn about how to create your own learning paths from PEP content.

We're excited about this new program, and we look forward to working with you as we roll PEP out industry wide. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out through email at [learning@propane.com](mailto:learning@propane.com) or by phone at 202-452-8975.



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APGA/LPGA Summer Convention

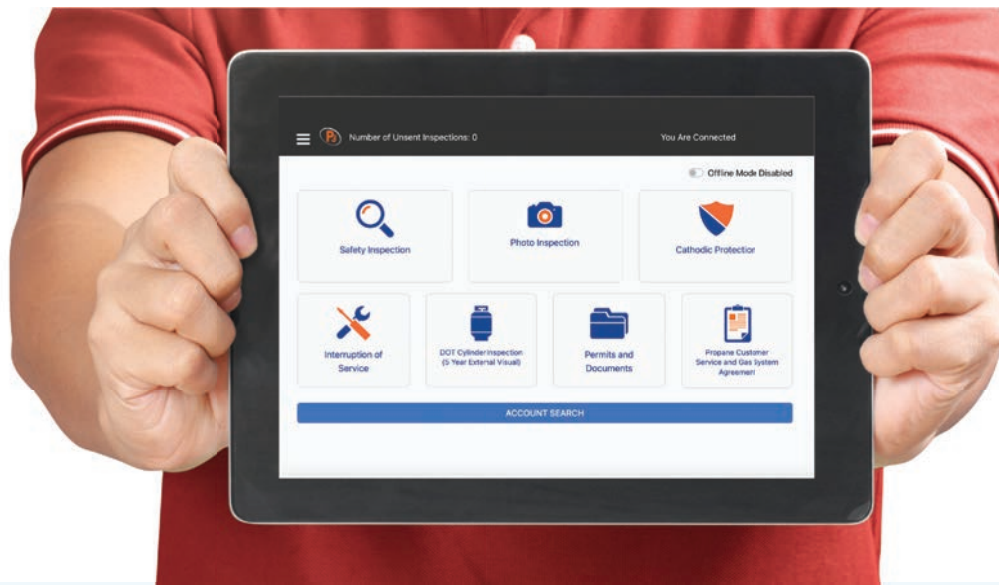
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